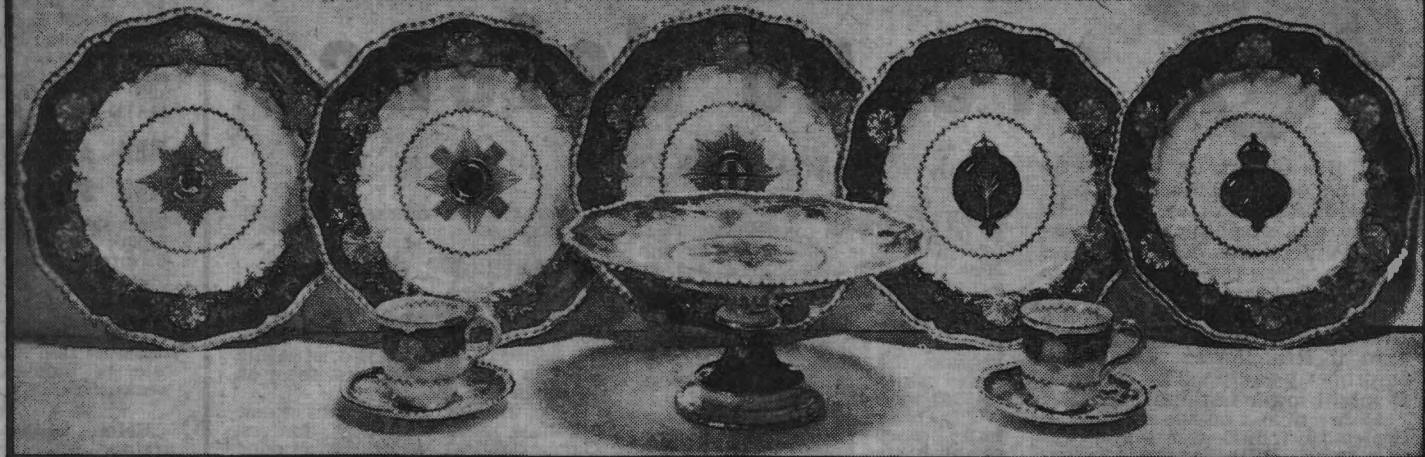


## SPOTLIGHT ON THE WEDDING PRESENTS



The dessert service ordered by the Brigade of Guards Princess Elizabeth. Basic colour is imperial red enlaced by an embossed gold filigree decoration. Every piece bears a regimental badge. Those on the plates (left to right) are: Irish, Scots, Coldstream, Welsh and Grenadier Guards.



The hands of Harry Davis, painting department foreman, at work on a jug in the tea service ordered by the Carpenters' Company.

FOUR of Princess Elizabeth's wedding presents will not be ready for nearly a year after her marriage.

Neither money nor mechanical aids can improve or hustle the hereditary skill that is making the four matchless china services gradually taking shape at the works of the Worcester Royal Porcelain Company.

Though the entire output of the factory goes for export these days, writes Neville Randall, not even dollars can command workmanship like this. These services are worth in cash—several thousands.

They represent something money alone cannot procure—the combined skill of the greatest exponents of the potters' art in Britain to-day.

At Worcester, the company's art director, Mr. C. B. Simmonds, A.R.C.A., who worked out the application of all four designs,

pointed to the finishing touches being put to samples for inclusion in the display of wedding presents at St. James's Palace.

Most sumptuous is the Imperial red and gold dessert service ordered by the Brigade of Guards. Most dignified is the Guards' second present, a supremely simple cream dinner service, embodying, like the dessert service, the badges of the five regiments of the Brigade.

Most regal is the Royal blue and gold breakfast service ordered by the City of Worcester. Most exquisite is the little tea service chosen by the Worshipful Company of Carpenters. They have selected a very lovely scale-blue design.

"Our fine china is the most sought after in the world in America to-day," said

an official of the firm. "These Royal services will put us beyond any possibility of rivalry for years to come."



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